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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Amendment is submitted as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. On March 31, 2005, in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 6, 2004, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants filed an Amendment in the above-identified case together with a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a) to extend the period for a response for three (3) months, from January 6, 2005 up to and including April 6, 2005. The Amendment filed on March 31, 2005 was not entered. On March 31, 2005 Applicants concurrently filed a Notice of Appeal with the required fee. The Notice of Appeal was received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 31, 2005, thereby setting the time for filing an Appeal Brief within two months, *i.e.*, on May 31, 2005. A request for a **one-month extension of time**, from May 31, 2005 up to and including June 30, 2005, is attached hereto. Applicant is timely submitting this RCE in lieu of an Appeal Brief. Please enter the following amendments and remarks prior to consideration of the concurrently filed RCE. Since the presently submitted amendments are identical to the amendments submitted on March 31, 2005, applicants request that the previously un-entered after final amendment amendments not be entered.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.